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SUBJ: GUINEA-BISSAU WRAP-UP

1. 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF PAIGC:

AMID IMPRESSIVE SHOW MILITARY MIGHT AND MASSIVE INFLUX FOREIGN
DELEGATIONS, PAIGC WENT ALL OUT TO CELEBRATE 20TH ANNIVER-
SARY ITS FOUNDING IN BAFATA BY AMILCAR CABRAL AND FIVE
OTHERS. HIGHLIGHT OF CELEBRATIONS WAS MILITARY PARADE
FEATURING

MCPS AND SOVIET HELICOPTERS SHOWN FOR FIRST TIME
AND IMPRESSIVE ARRAY SOVIET SUPPLIED GROUP EQUIPMENT IN-
CLUDING TANKS, ARMORED CARS AND "STALIN ORGANS." REPRE-
SENTATIVES FROM CENTRAL COMMITTEES OF COMMUNIST PARTIES OF
USSR, POLAND, CZDCHOSLOVAKIA, EAST GERMANY, HUNGARY, ROMANIA,
BULGARIA, PORTUGAL, AND CUBA WERE JOINED BY MINISTERIAL
DELEGATIONS FROM ANGOLA, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, CONGO,
SENEGAL, GUINEA AND NIGERIA AND REPRESENTATIVES OF AAPSO,
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SWAPO, PSP, AND AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON AFRICA. HIGHLIGHT OF

CELEBRATIONS WAS THREE DAY VISIT OF PRESIDENT NYERERE.

COMMENT: MASSIVE EFFORT OF PAIGC WAS NOT ONLY EXERCISE IN SELF-CONGRATULATION BUT ALSO ATTEMPT DEMONSTRATE TO PEOPLE OF CITY OF BISSAU PARTY'S INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY AND ABILITY TO ORGANIZE LARGE SCALE UNDERTAKING. WHILE COMPLIMENTING PAIGC ON ORGANIZING ABILITY, NUMBER OF AFRICAN DELEGATIONS WERE PRIVATELY CRITICAL OF OVERT MILITARY NATURE OF FESTIVITIES AND OF OBVIOUSLY HUGE EXPENDITURES NECESSARY TO KEEP PAIGC MILITARY MACHINE OPERATING. END COMMENT.

2. RELATIONS WITH GUINEA-CONAKRY:

ALTHOUGH RECENT REUTERS DISPATCH INDICATES RECENT SOURING RELATIONS BETWEEN CONAKRY AND BISSAU, PROBLEM HAS EXISTED FOR SOME TIME. CONAKRY'S AMBASSADOR LEFT BISSAU IN HUFF OVER 8 MONTHS AGO CHARGING BISSAU WITH GIVING FAVORABLE TREATMENT TO SENEGALESE. ACCORDING THEORY PREVALENT HERE, ROOT OF PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE SEKOU TOURE'S RELUCTANCE UNDERSTAND BISSAU'S NEED TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH DAKAR IN EFFORT UNDERCUT POSSIBLE SENEGALESE SUPPORT FOR NUMEROUS OPPONENTS PAIGC STILL IN CASAMANCE. LATELY RELATIONS SEEM TO HAVE WARMED, ESPECIALLY WITH RETURN BODY OF AMILCAR CABRAL AND HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL GUINEAN DELEGATION, I.E. PRESIDENT'S WIFE AND PRIME MINISTER. IN SPITE GENUINE WARMTH FELT BY PAIGC LEADERSHIP FOR SEKOU TOURE AND GUINEA, PROGRAMS CONTINUE PUSH FORWARD WHICH BRING BISSAU IN CLOSER TOUCH WITH DAKAR. SEVERAL THESE PROGRAMS NOT COINCIDENTALLY FINANCED BY FRENCH.

3. AMNESTY:

TO COMMEMORATE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF PARTY, COUNCIL OF STATE ANNOUNCED AMNESTY FOR WIDE RANGE POLITICAL PRISONERS AS WELL AS FOR COMMON CRIMINALS. AMONG AMNESTEES WERE FIVE LEADERS OF DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT OF GUINE, FORMED AFTER APRIL 1974 TOIOPPOE PAIGC TAKEOVER IN BISSAU AND FORMER LOCAL BRANCH PORTUGUESE FASCIST PARTY, ACCAO NACIONAL POPULAR, ANTONIA AUGUSTO CARVALHO. EIGHT FORMER CADRES OF PIDE IN BISSAU WERE ALSO RELEASED.

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4. DROUGHT IN CAPE VERDE:

AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS ANALYSIS CURRENT AGRICULTURAL SITUATION, GOCV HAS DETERMINED FOOD PRODUCTION WILL BE CUT TO PRACTICALLY NOTHING DUE TO LATE AND INSUFFICIENT RAINS. IN NATIONWIDE RADIO BROADCAST, PRESIDENT PEREIRA CALLED ON POPULATION TO PREPARE FOR HARD TIMES. PEREIRA STATED

PRINCIPAL TASK NOW WOULD BE TO MOBILIZE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY TO HELP CAPE VERDE.

5. NEW SOVIET LOAN ANNOUNCED:

PURSUANT TO FIRST ECONOMIC AGREEMENT BETWEEN USSR AND GUINEA-BISSAU WHICH RECENTLY SIGNED IN BISSAU, 8 MILLION RUBLE INTEREST-FREE LOAN HAS BEEN GRANTED TO GUINEA-BISSAU FOR PURCHASE SOVIET GOODS.

6. SHAKE-UP IN LABOR MOVEMENT:

CSL UNSATISFIED WITH LEADERSHIP OF SINGLE NATIONAL UNION (UNIAO NACIONAL DOS TRABALADORES DA GUINE-BISSAU - UNTG) REMOVED SECRETARY GENERAL PASCOAL ALVES AND REPLACED HIM WITH CSL MEMBER JOSE PEREIRA. IN ADDITION ALVES, MEMBER OF TOP PARTY ORGAN CEL, AND HIS LIEUTENANT, CAETANO BARBOSA, MEMBER OF CSL, WERE EXPELLED FROM PARTY. NEW UNTG LEADER, JOSE PEREIRA, A MILITARY MAN, WAS FORMERLY HEAD OF PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY. COMMENT: POOR ORGANIZATION OF LABORERS HAS BEEN MOST GLARING FAULT OF PARTY FOR SOME TIME BUT SUMMARY DISMISSAL ALSO SEEMS TO BE CONFIRMATION OF RUMORS OF CORRUPTION WHICH HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING FOR SOME TIME. PAIGC HAS ALWAYS TAKEN HARD LINE AGAINST CORRUPTION AND ALVES DISMISSAL WILL SERVE AS WARNING TO OTHER MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT WHO ARE RUMORED TO HAVE BEEN DEALING IN FOREIGN CURRENCY.
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